Summer 5776 at PAS

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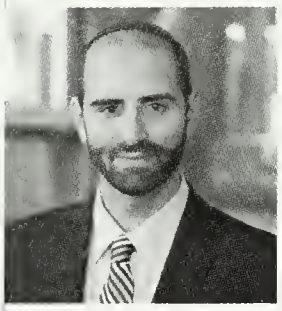
Resting and the Rest of the World

RABBI ETHAN WITKOVSKY

As summer begins, the corn is high, the grass is green, and the fields are blooming. (If there were fields in Manhattan, I am sure they would be blooming.) I am reminded that Judaism began as an agrarian religion.



Rabbi Cosgrove and I have each been studying for months the laws in the Mishnah dealing with how one can harvest one's crops in a holy manner. One rule in particular has caught my attention as we move into summer. The Torah instructs us that "You shall not gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard." (Leviticus 19:10) Those fallen fruit are "left for the poor and the stranger." Fruit that falls, whether on its own or due to your shaking the tree as you harvest, must be left for the poor. The rabbis of the Mishnah, showing a keen understanding of the human psyche, go further and legislate that "anyone who sets a basket under the tree when harvesting robs the poor." (*Mishnah Peah* 7:3) Essentially, the rabbis are mandating an inefficient system. One cannot create a structure so that one retains 100% of one's produce. Even if you could do it so that it didn't violate the letter of the Torah, it certainly would violate the spirit.

We humans are not meant to be 100% efficient. Summer vacations are the perfect reminder of that. We cannot work ALL the time. Vacation, time off from labor, is thought to be restorative and salubrious for body and soul, not to mention mental health. Whether going on trips, playing games, taking classes, or going to camp, whether we are able to break for the entire summer (you lucky students) or just a weekend here and there, we must all sometimes "let the fruit fall" and recognize that we are not meant to run at full speed constantly.

While we rest, we also acknowledge that we have the blessing to be able to cease from our labors. There are many in the world and in our city who cannot take a week off or a trip out of the country. Some are unable to afford camp for their children or even the cost of transportation to the beach. As we appreciate our good fortune, let us also remember the second half of the verse from Leviticus: we let fruit fall to the ground *so that it can be gathered by the poor and the immigrant.* Many of us already volunteer and give tzedakah through PAS or through other organizations. While we may get a break from work and school over the summer, our pursuit of tikkun olam cannot take a rest. I urge us all to spend some of our well-deserved break giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. Perhaps you'll spend time volunteering for a food pantry or at a summer camp for disadvantaged youth; perhaps you'll donate time, clothes, equipment, or other resources to those in need.

Wherever we find ourselves during these months, I hope that we, as a community, find a way to leave some of our summer's harvest for the less fortunate in our world.

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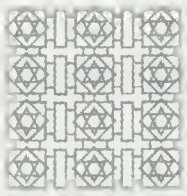


Park Avenue Synagogue

A Synagogue in Action:
Building the Future

Community Outreach and the Capital Campaign

WHO ARE THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIRS?

Stephanie Leichter and Andy Heller are leading the community outreach effort for the Capital Campaign. They have lots of experience at PAS, having been parents of Early Childhood Center and Congregational School children and spearheaded several development projects for the synagogue including the Gala, ECC benefit, and the annual Kol Nidrei Appeal. They view this new role as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be true stakeholders in the continuity of PAS for future generations.

WHAT IS THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE?

While over 250 families have already participated in the Capital Campaign, there are still close to 1,400 other families to reach. Stephanie and Andy are already at work building a committee of passionate volunteers who see the importance of the campaign in sustaining our congregation's legacy. Following up on the community mailing in March, this committee will be reaching out to members asking them to participate in the Campaign.

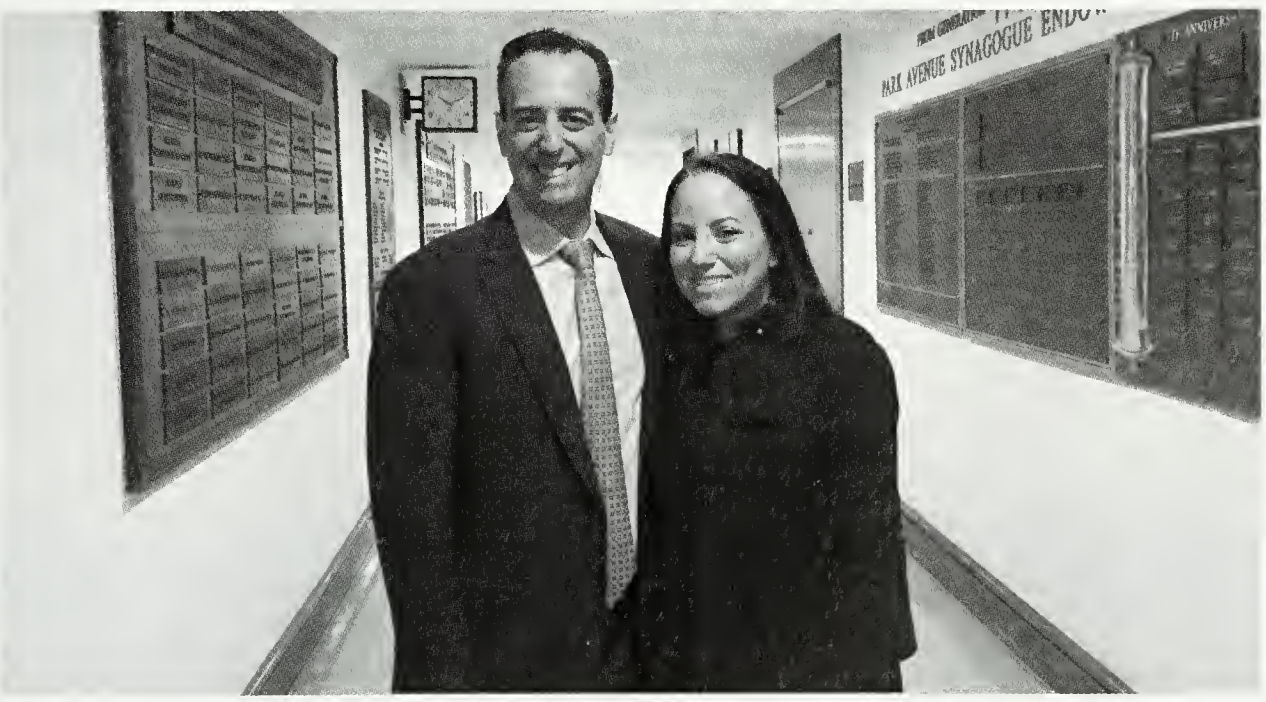
WHY IS THERE SUCH AN EMPHASIS ON PARTICIPATION?

The Campaign has always had two goals: to reach the dollar target ***and*** to engender broad participation so as to tighten the bonds of community and enable everyone to be a part of our shared legacy. We are really seeking as close to 100% participation as possible. By participating, we are demonstrating our confidence in the future and taking action to remain at the forefront of American Judaism. Your contribution sets an example for others by showing that we are stepping up to take responsibility for our shared future in the same way as those who came before did for us. Even if we could reach our dollar goal with fewer donors, we wouldn't necessarily want to! We want everyone to share in the pride of participation.

SHOULD WE WAIT FOR A CALL?

No, please don't wait to be asked! Your early participation will free Stephanie, Andy, and their committee to follow up with others who have not yet donated. Please look through the folder mailed in March, which contained a brochure, FAQs, renderings, a pledge card, and information on planned giving. All the information is also available on the "Giving" section of the PAS website with a hyperlink on the upper left corner of every page. Please feel free to contact Laura Yamner, Director of Development, at 212-369-4900, x138 with any questions.

Thank you in advance for participating to the best of your ability and helping to build our future.



pasyn.org/giving CLICK ON "CAPITAL CAMPAIGN" TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EXCITING PLANS.

June

Friday, June 3 • 26 Iyyar

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat and Melton Graduation (for list of graduates, see p. 6)

Saturday, June 4 • 27 Iyyar

Parashat B'hukkotai
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Julia Schnipper
20 minutes after services | Minha

Sunday, June 5 • 28 Iyyar

Yom Yerushalayim
9:00 am | Morning minyan with celebratory psalms
Mourning practices associated with the Omer period are suspended.

Tuesday, June 7 • 1 Sivan

Rosh Hodesh
7:15 am | Morning minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf

Friday, June 10 • 4 Sivan

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, June 11 • 5 Sivan

Parashat B'midbar
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Maya Nachman
20 minutes after services | Minha
7:30pm | Minha
8:00 pm | Tikkun Leil Shavuot (p. 10)
9:15 pm | Festival evening service followed by Cheesecake
9:45 pm | 20s & 30s Midnight Tikkun
After Midnight | Rabbi Witkovsky teaching at JCC Manhattan Tikkun

SHAVUOT

Sunday, June 12 • 6 Sivan

Shavuot, Day 1
9:15 am | Festival service & Adult Bat Mitzvah (for list, see p. 6)
10:00 am | YFE Shavuot service

Monday, June 13 • 7 Sivan

Shavuot, Day 2
9:15 am | Festival service with Yizkor
10:45 am | Day School Community service & picnic
Join other day school families for an interactive, participatory celebration of Shavuot. Then walk together to the Park for kiddush, picnic lunch, and games. Bring lunch, picnic blankets, balls, Frisbees, jump ropes, and whatever else you like to do outdoors.
20 minutes after services | Minha

Friday, June 17 • 11 Sivan

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30 pm | Teen Shabbat Dinner (p. 18)

Saturday, June 18 • 13 Iyyar

Parashat Naso
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Annabel Hirschfeld
Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Schaul
20 minutes after services | Minha

July

Friday, July 2 • 25 Sivan

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, July 3 • 26 Sivan

Parashat Sh'lah L'kha
9:15 am | Shabbat morning service
20 minutes after services | Minha

Wednesday, July 6 • 30 Sivan

Rosh Hodesh
7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and musaf

Thursday, July 7 • 1 Tammuz

Rosh Hodesh
7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and musaf

Friday, July 8 • 2 Tammuz

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, July 9 • 3 Tammuz

Parashat Korah
9:15 am | Shabbat morning service
20 minutes after services | Minha

Friday, July 15 • 9 Tammuz

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, July16 • 10 Tammuz

Parashat Hukkat
9:15 am | Shabbat Morning service
10:00 am | Tot Tefillah (p. 16)
20 minutes after services | Minha

Friday, July 22 • 16 Tammuz

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, July 23 • 17 Tammuz

Parashat Balak
9:15 am | Shabbat Morning service
20 minutes after services | Minha

Kabbalat Shabbat: Songs, Sweets and Spirit
Fridays | 6:15 pm | Every week, all summer long!

Our Kabbalat Shabbat service is musical, lively, social, and family friendly. If you're already a regular, we hope that you continue to participate in this uplifting service. If you've not yet joined us, come soon!

"I feel the peace of Shabbat"

Sunday, July 24 • 18 Tammuz

Fast of the 17th of Tammuz observed
4:05 am | Fast begins
9:00 am | Morning service with Torah reading
5:45 pm | Minha service; no Ma'ariv (Evening service)
8:45 pm | Fast ends
The fast of *Sh'va asar b'Tammuz* begins the period known as "the three weeks," a period of mourning culminating in Tisha b'Av, the 9th of Av. According to tradition, on the 17th of Tammuz in 586 BCE, the walls of the First Temple were breached by the Babylonians, and on the same date in 69 CE, the walls of the Second Temple were breached by the Romans. Like the three other minor fasts of the year, the fast of the 17th of Tammuz is from dawn until dark, not from sunset to sunset. When a fast (other than Yom Kippur) falls on Shabbat, observance of the fast is moved to the following day.

Friday, July 29 • 23 Tammuz

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, July 30 • 24 Tammuz

Parashat Pinhas
9:15 am | Shabbat Morning service
10:00 am | Tot Tefillah (p. 16)
20 minutes after services | Minha

August

Friday, August 5 • 1 Av

Rosh Hodesh
7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and musaf
6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, August 6 • 2 Av

Parashat Mattot-Mas'ei
9:15 am | Shabbat Morning service
20 minutes after services | Minha

Friday, August 12 • 8 Av

5:30 pm | 4th Annual Kabbalat Shabbat in the Hamptons

Experience the joyous vibe of a PAS Kabbalat Shabbat on Long Island. Join Rabbi Neil Zuckerman and Cantor Shira Lissek in a PAS member's home to welcome Shabbat on the East End with prayer, song, and a barbecue dinner. Open to all PAS members.

RSVP by August 1 at pasyn.org.

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat at PAS

Saturday, August 13 • 9 Av

Parashat D'varim/Shabbat Hazon
9:15 am | Shabbat Morning service
20 mins after services | Minha
7:55 pm | Fast begins
8:00 pm | Erev Tisha b'Av learning with Rabbi Charlie Savenor: "The Day the Letters Stopped" (p. 13)
9:00 pm Evening service & reading of *Megillat Eikhah*, the Book of Lamentations

TISHA B'AV

Sunday, August 14 • 10 Av

Tisha b'Av observed
9:00 am | Morning service with Torah reading; tallit and tefillin are not worn.
5:45 pm | Minha with Torah reading; tallit and tefillin are worn. No Ma'ariv (evening service)
8:27 pm | Fast ends

Friday, August 19 • 15 Av

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, August 20 • 16 Av

Parashat Va-et'hannan
Shabbat Nahamu
9:15 am | Shabbat Morning service
20 mins after services | Minha

Friday, August 26 • 22 Av

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, August 27 • 23 Av

Parashat Eikev
9:15 am | Shabbat Morning service
20 minutes after services | Minha

Weekday minyan: Shaharit Monday–Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays, May 29, and July 4 at 9:00 am. **Minha/Ma'ariv** Sunday–Thursday at 5:45 pm, except where noted. Shabbat minha 20 minutes after the end of morning services.

PAS clergy will preach and conduct services, with Colin Fowler at the organ; and in June, the Synagogue Choir: Ena Freemon, Yonah Gershator, Alex Guerrero, and Tim Krol; and the Synagogue Band: Gil Smuskowitz, bass; Mike Cohen, woodwinds; and Ronen Itzik, percussion. Abe Lebovic is our regular Torah Reader, and Mark Fraier is our Ritual Director.

Can't make it to the synagogue? PAS sanctuary services are live streamed. Visit pasyn.org/webcast.

Synagogue Family

בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH

Julia Schnipper
June 4 | *B'hukkotai*
Daughter of Andrea & Andrew Schnipper
Granddaughter of Elizabeth Feiner

Maya Nachman
June 11 | *B'midbar*
Daughter of Felicia & Gary Nachman

Annabel Hirschfeld
June 18 | *Naso*
Daughter of Emily Roberts & Alan Hirschfeld

Gabriel Schaul
June 18 | *Naso*
Son of Lynn & Daniel Schaul

מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

Rabbi David Lincoln on being honored by the Rabbinical Assembly for 50 years in the rabbinate

Yael Kornfeld & Rabbi Avram Mlotek on the birth of a son, Hillel Yosl Ziskind Mlotek, and to big sister Ravi

Allison & Michael Dwork on the birth of a daughter, Julia Sloane Dwork

Nicole & Daniel Shatz on the birth of a daughter, Kaya Tori Shatz

Melissa Frey & Malcolm Levine on the birth of a daughter, Fiona Shea Levine, and to big brother Ace and grandparents Alison & Alan Levine

MAZAL TOV TO THE ADULT B'NOT MITZVAH

Inna Bakker
Linda Dashefsky
Karen Frankel
Joan Goldberg
Sharon Jablon
Barbara Julie
Debra Lehrman
Ronnie Parker
Sally Rocker
Suzanne Rosenzweig
Sherrie Russell-Brown
Susan Smirnoff
Qian Wang Sokol

MAZAL TOV TO THE GRADUATES OF THE FLORENCE MELTON SCHOOL CORE PROGRAM

Chelsea Cohen
Jessica Cohen
Marcia Dunn
Erin Frankel
Eleanor Frommer
Ellen Heller
Kathy Jacob
Frederica Jaret
Ellen Koppelman
Nancy Lascher
Stephanie Leichter
Elisabeth Lerner
Rachel Levit
Rochelle Ludwig
Lizzy Markus
Marlene Sandler
Harriet Stein
Rory Teitelbaum
Stephanie Wagner
Jacqui Weidman

ברוכים הבאים WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elliot & Stephanie Berk
Phyllis Brochstein
Jessica & Menno de Vreeze
Irwin Greenspan
Daniel & Anna Hecht
Gary & Lili Mayerson
Marc & Daniella Porzencanski
Laurie & Dave Rosenblatt
Matthew & Alexandra Shear
Michael & Karen Simonds
Andrew & Jenna Weinberg

המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Barbara Gmora on the loss of her mother, Joyce Gmora

Tina & Steven Price and Eileen & Steven Farbman on the loss of Steven and Eileen's father, Robert Price

Phyllis Rudnick on the loss of her husband, and Holly & Joel Kurtzberg on the loss of her father, Murray Rudnick

Barbara Weinstein & Louis Bernstein on the loss of his mother, Blanche Bernstein

Debra & Stuart Abramowitz on the loss of her brother, Harry Gruber

Lori Lesser & Daniel Shuchman, on the loss of her father, Herb Lesser

PAS Welcomes New Staff!

Rachel Benichak
Membership Manager
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Rachel Benichak joined the PAS staff in March 2016. She has an extensive background as an actor, dancer, and non-profit professional. Previously, Rachel has worked in theatre companies as well as non-profit organizations forging new partnerships, collaborating on events, and developing the building blocks of impactful programming. Originally from Connecticut, Rachel is a graduate of Adelphi University's theatre program. In her free time Rachel enjoys baking and is an avid reader. She looks forward to being a part of the vibrant Park Avenue Synagogue community.

Sara Davidson
Office and Events Coordinator
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Sara Rivka Davidson joined the PAS staff in February 2016. Born and raised in Morningside Heights, she received her BA from Simmons College, and a graduate degree in Journalism from RMIT in Melbourne, Australia. She worked at WNYC Radio as a production intern, and then in listener services and membership. Most recently, she worked in university events at Columbia University's Alumni Association. Her interests include writing, international travel, cooking and baking, and volunteering with her synagogue's Brooklyn Jews program.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION

A Lifelong Educational Conversation

RABBI CHARLES E. SAVENOR

The educational opportunities at Park Avenue Synagogue are simply astounding. Every day our classrooms are filled with learners of all ages. Every educational department has a full menu of offerings that generate passion, excitement, and meaning in the lives of our members.

Starting from Young Family Education, through the Early Childhood Center, Congregational School, and the Teens, we are seeking to create love and respect for Judaism and Israel, a sense of caring for one another, and a continuous flow of skills and insights that grow from year to year. This arc of learning continues for our adult community through extended programs like Melton and through shorter courses and lectures that provide intellectual stimulation and growth for multiple generations. The Mishnah in *Pirkei Avot* (5:23) outlines the different ages of Torah study: "At five years of age, the study of Bible; at ten, the study of Mishnah; at thirteen, responsibility for the mitzvot; at fifteen, the study of Talmud; ... at forty, the age of understanding." Implicit in this rabbinic text is that each stage of learning is not a milestone in isolation, but rather part of an educational system that builds on itself.

As the Director of Congregational Education, my objectives are not just to build on the success of our individual educational departments, but also to build bridges between them. Through active conversation and proactive collaboration, the PAS education departments are working to create a lifelong educational conversation. Our vision is that at every stage of their educational journey, students in our community will see the issues of our day through a Jewish lens and participate in a unified dialogue about the timeless Jewish values that shape our identities.

This vision came to life during our winter Shabbaton when our PAS teens engaged with our visiting scholars, Ambassador Dennis Ross and Jeffrey Goldberg, and our tots sang along on Friday night with our visiting musical artist, Danny Nichols. It was exciting to see how this weekend, which has long been regarded as the crown jewel of the adult education year, became a multigenerational educational experience.

Another success was the "Spring Into Passover" program in April. In previous years, individual departments conducted their own Passover preparation sessions; this year, we had a unified program with sessions for learners of all ages. The goal was for everyone who participated that morning to feel that they are involved in a spiritual and educational experience that spans the ages and stages of learning at PAS.

We have made great strides over the last two years to unify the educational structure at PAS and to work together towards shared goals. With the Center of Lifelong Learning in our future, we are already identifying new ways to enhance our educational offerings and to create a community of learners engaged in a shared lifelong sacred, conversation that will inspire and shape the Jewish future.

Ongoing *Weekly* Classes

TUESDAY

Essential Essays
June 7 | approx. 8:00 am, immediately after morning minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought
June 7 | Marga Hirsch and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Adult Bat Mitzvah
June 7 | 6:30 pm
Cantor Shira Lissek and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

WEDNESDAY

Traveling Down Siddur Lane: An Exploration of Prayers
Through June 29 | 8:00 am, after morning minyan | Abe Lebovic

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 1
June 1, 8 | 6:45 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek and Rabbi Charlie Savenor

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly
Exploring Judaism
June 1, 8 | 7:00 pm | at Brotherhood Synagogue | Rabbi Joel Shaiman

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Summer *5776* Classes

THURSDAY

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 2
June 2 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Library Lunch & Learn
12:00 pm

- **June 2 | Jennifer Stern Granowitz**
- **June 9 | Insights from Israel | Rabbi Michael Graetz** (via Skype)
- **June 16 | Abe Lebovic**
- **June 23 | Jennifer Stern Granowitz**
- **June 30 | Marga Hirsch**
- **July 7 | Wendy Handler, LMSW, DOROT Social Worker, and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman** (see p. 11)
- **July 14 | Insights from Israel | Rabbi Michael Graetz** (via Skype)
- **July 21 | Bryan Wexler**
- **July 28 | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman**
- **August 4 | Cantor Rachel Brook**
- **August 11 | Insights from Israel | Rabbi Michael Graetz** (via Skype)
- **August 18 | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky**
- **August 27 | *No session***

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly

Exploring Judaism
- **June 2, 9, 16 | 7:00 pm | at Sutton Place Synagogue**
- **June 23-August 11 | 7:00 pm | at PAS Rabbi Benjamin Resnick**

FRIDAY

Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study
Through June 24 | approx. 8:00 am, immediately after morning minyan | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

SATURDAY

Parashat HaShavua
Shabbat/Saturdays | 8:45 am

Shulhan Ivrit
Mondays | July 11, 25; August 1, 8, 15 | 7:00-8:30 pm | Facilitator: Brian Lustbader

Intermediate and advanced level Hebrew speakers are invited to spend an hour practicing conversational Hebrew. Come to one session or come to all to deepen your connection with Israel and the Jewish people by speaking Hebrew.

Cost: Free

Reel Theology 2
Wednesdays | July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:00-8:30 pm | Dr. Wendy Zierler

What role can contemporary movies play in a curriculum of sacred study? Can films really provide occasions of transcendence, divine encounter and Jewish religious exploration? In this course, a sequel to a previous PAS course (2014), we will engage in a process of inverted midrash, "reading" contemporary movies as an entry point into the study of Jewish text and belief. Each film will provide an occasion for the exploration of a particular Jewish and/or biblical theme: Humanity as Created in the Image of God *(The Hunger Games)*; The Spiritual Value of Tests *(Exam)*; Legacy and Inheritance *(The Descendants)*; and Moses's Speech and the Word of God *(The King's Speech)*. Sessions will be devoted to discussing film clips and supplemental readings. (Students will view complete films independently outside of class.)

Register now; this class is likely to fill.

Cost: $100/members; $150/general

DR. WENDY ZIERLER is Sigmund Falk Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies at HUC. Her forthcoming book, *Reel Theology*, will include material introduced in this class.

Midtown Lunch and Learn: The Great Principle of the Torah
Wednesdays | July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 12:30-1:30 pm | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

What is the "great principle of the Torah"? Jewish tradition is rich with conversations about topics like belief in God and questions of good and evil. What sometimes goes unnoticed is the Rabbis' attempts to distill Judaism down to a core claim or statement. We will look at some of these statements and how traditional and modern commentators have interpreted these claims. Space is limited.

Registration required by Tuesday, June 28.

Cost: Free/members; $36/general

For additional information about classes listed here, please visit pasyn.org.

To register for Adult Education classes and events, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to pasyn.org and click on "Adult Education." On the left side of the page, click on "Summer 5776" or on the event and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call Sara Hassin at 212-369-4900, x159.

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Open to all

Men's Club Health Forum

Thursday | June 2 | 7:00 pm

As we prepare for summer, a panel of distinguished doctors will discuss managing sun exposure, making sense of vitamins and hormones, and protection from mosquitos and other outdoor annoyances. Light refreshments will be served.

Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday | June 5 | Check pasyn.org for step-off time and location

Join the PAS community to celebrate and support Israel. March up Fifth Avenue with tens of thousands of others. We will march behind our own PAS banner, together with the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. All PAS participants will receive a PAS t-shirt. Please register on pasyn.org so we know you're coming, and we save a shirt for you. Please pick up t-shirts at the Congregational School (3rd floor) no later than Friday June 3 at 1:00 pm.

The Jewish Week in partnership with PAS
Cosponsored by the Shalom Hartmann Institute

Across the Abyss: How a Formerly Anti-Semitic Muslim and a Formerly Extremist Jew Are Transforming Muslim-Jewish Relations

Monday | June 6 | 7:30 pm

IMAM ABDULLAH ANTEPLI is a seniar fellaw on Jewish-Muslim Relations at the Hartman Institute and Co-director of the Muslim Leadership Initiative. Imam Abdullah is the founder and an executive board member of the Muslim Chaplains Association and a member of the Natianal Assaciation of College and University Chaplains. He serves as Chief Representative of Muslim Affairs at Duke University and is an Adjunct Faculty of Islamic Studies.

YOSSI KLEIN HALEVI is a seniar fellaw at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. His mast recent book is *Like Dreamers*, winner of the Jewish Book Cauncil's Everett Baak af the Year Award. He is currently writing a boak about the future of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

RACHEL JACOBY ROSENFIELD is Executive Vice President of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.

Cost: Free far PAS members and students with ID; $18/general in advance; $20/general at doar

Tikkun Leil Shavuot – Cheesecake and Late Night Learning with Rabbi Dr. Zalman Rothschild: "Is Judaism Legal?"

Saturday | June 11 | 8:00 pm | Before the Festival Evening service

On Shavuot, we celebrate the giving of the Torah. But what exactly is the Torah? Is it a book of history or a legal text? Legend or law? We can ask the same questions about Judaism's classical corpus, the Talmud, as well as about much of Judaism's textual and cultural tradition. This evening we will explore these questions and will also discuss the different ways in which Judaism over time has attempted to deal with and make sense of its legal core.

RABBI ZALMAN ROTHSCHILD taught core courses and graduate courses in the Melton program at PAS befare earning his PhD in modern Jewish philosophy at NYU. He has been a Scholar-in-Residence at PAS, and has served as a visiting scholar at various other New York synagagues and institutions. Among other fellowships, Rabbi Rothschild has been a Tikvah Scholar at the Tikvah Center of Law and Jewish Civilization at NYU Law Schoal, a Fellow in Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies at Benjamin Cardazo Schoal of Law, and a Fellow at the Kevah Teaching Center of Berkeley. He has served as an adjunct prafessor at NYU and JTS.

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Find your summer reading and entertainment at the Rothschild Library – a lending library where members may check out books, DVDs, and CDs. There's something for every age from newborn to 120. Browse the catalog and virtual shelves online, or come in and choose from the shelves.

Library Hours

Summer 5776

Monday–Thursday | 12:00–5:45 pm
Friday | by appointment
pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary
Director: Marga Hirsch
Marga is in at other times as well; you are always welcome

Women's Network Film Series

Tuesday | June 14 | 1:00-3:30 pm |
Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness

A riveting portrait of the great writer whose stories became the basis of the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof,* this rich documentary is both an examination of the author's life and a look at the complex world of Eastern European Jewry.

Women's Network Open Meeting

Tuesday | June 14 | 6:30 pm

Enjoy a drink on the roof (weather permitting). Celebrate this year's programs and events, and plan our calendar for 2016-2017. All members of PAS Women's Network are welcome.

Men's Club End-of-Year BBQ

Wednesday | June 15 | 7:00 pm

Please join us for our annual year-end Barbecue on the Roof catered by Smokey Joe's. Even if you have not yet participated in a Men's Club event, don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a comedy performance and see friends before summer vacations.

Cost: $36/person in advance; $40/persan at the daar

RSVP by Monday, June 13 to pasmensclub@pasyn.org

Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | June 28 | 1:00-2:30pm

Enjoy Yiddish stories, poetry and conversation, whether you are a fluent Yiddish speaker or just like the sound of the language.

Jewhooing the Sixties and A Tribute to Barbra Streisand: Lecture and Concert

Tuesday | June 28
6:45 pm | "Jewhooing the Sixties: Bob Dylan, Barbra Streisand and Others" | Dr. David E. Kaufman
8:00 pm | Tribute to Barbra Streisand | Cantor Shira Lissek and Guest Artist Cantor Magda Fishman

Based on his recent book, *Jewhooing the Sixties: American Celebrity and Jewish Identity*, Dr. Kaufman will speak about Jewish celebrity, the early 1960s, and issues of Jewish identity raised by the complex relationship we have with famous Jews, those "members of the tribe" in the spotlight of popular culture.

DR. DAVID E. KAUFMAN is a schalar and teacher of American Jewish history whose first boak, *Shul with a Pool: The "Synagogue-Center" in American Jewish History*, established him as a leading historian of American Judaism and Jewish communal life. He has served as tenured professor on the faculties of Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Los Angeles and Hofstra University on Long Island, and currently teaches on the New York campus of HUC.

CANTOR MAGDA FISHMAN, a graduate of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at JTS, serves as cantor at Temple Beth El in Stamford, CT. She previously served in cantorial pasitions at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in Manhattan, Congregatian Beth Am in LA, and North Shore Synagague in Syasset, NY. Prior to her investiture in May 2011, Cantar Fishman served in the Israeli Army Orchestra as vacal soloist and trumpet player. She has performed extensively in Israel, Europe, the US, and Canada and is the recipient af the prestigiaus America-Israel Cultural Foundation schalarship.

Library Lunch & Learn Special Session

Five Wishes: A Gentle Approach to Advance Health Care Directives

Thursday | July 7 | 12:00-1:00 pm | Wendy Handler, LMSW, DOROT Social Worker, and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

What are your values, goals and priorities for your health care? What would be helpful to discuss with your loved ones? How can you ensure that your wishes will be known and honored? There are a million reasons to avoid thinking about, talking about, and completing an advance directive; yet an Advance Health Care Directive is important at any age to make sure you receive the level of care you prefer. Rabbi Zuckerman will provide a spiritual framework, and DOROT social worker Wendy Handler, LMSW, will provide health care proxies and living wills to complete right away or work on later.

WENDY HANDLER, LMSW, Manager of Lasting Impressians: DOROT's Legacy Project, has spent her sacial work career working with clients of all ages on issues including significant life changes, lass, grief, illness, relatianships, death and dying, and financial concerns.

Summer 5776 at PAS

To register for Adult Education classes and events, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to pasyn.org and click on "Adult Education." On the left side of the page, click on "Classes" or on the event and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call Beth Levick at 212-369-4900, x146

Open only to Men's Club members

Torah on Tap

Monday | July 11 | 7:00 pm

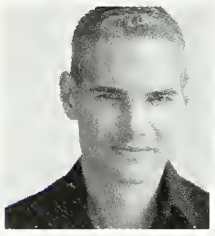
Pair wine with wisdom, perception with pilsner as we study and discuss text with one of our rabbis.

RSVP to pasmensclub@pasyn.org to receive location.

The Israel Game: A Comedian's Take on the State of the Jewish State

Tuesday | July 12 | 7:00 pm

Join us for a drink or two (beer and wine will be served) as Joel Chasnoff uses comedy to explore the ins and outs of modern life in Israel, based on his own experience as a combat soldier in the Israeli Army. A discussion of Joel's comedic memoir about his service in the Israeli Army, *The 188th Crybaby Brigade,* will follow. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



JOEL CHASNOFF is a comedian and author who performs in North America, Europe, and Israel, including the Montreal Comedy Festival, Israeli late-night TV, and multiple appearances on NPR and PBS. A film of *The 188th Crybaby Brigade* is currently in production at Paramount. Joel co-authored the cookbook *Balaboosta* with Israeli chef and *Chopped!* champion Einat Admony. He also writes extensively about the plight of IDF Lone Soldiers, including highly-acclaimed editorials in the *Washington Post* and *Jewish Week*. Joel's writing has been featured in the *Forward, The Big Book of Jewish Humor—25th Anniversary Edition,* and *The Idiot's Guide to Jokes.*

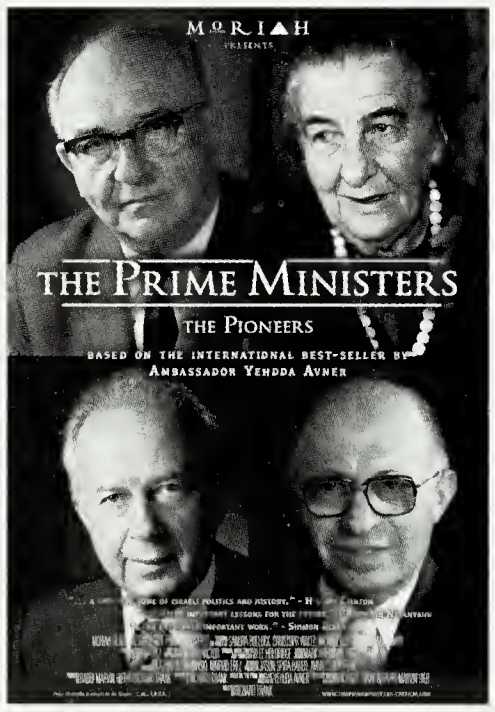
Cost: $12/members; $20/general

Film Screening:

The Prime Ministers, Part 2: Soldiers and Peacemakers

Tuesday | July 19 | 7:00 pm

Based on Ambassador Yehuda Avner's best-selling book, *The Prime Ministers,* the film covers decades of Israeli history from a unique perspective. Avner served as speechwriter and secretary to Golda Meir and Levi Eshkol, and as Advisor to Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, and Shimon Peres. He also served in diplomatic positions at the Israeli Consulate in NY and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC, and was Israel's Ambassador to Britain, Ireland and Australia.



Faith after Ultra-Orthodoxy: Does liberal Judaism have a place for those who leave the Haredi world?

Shulem Deen

Tuesday | July 26 | 7:00 pm

The men and women leaving the ultra-Orthodox world have spent their lives steeped in tradition and religious practice. Now having left their former communities, many wonder whether liberal Jewish denominations might offer them spiritual nourishment. Shulem Deen, a former member of New York's Hasidic community, will share personal perspectives on the challenges for finding a spiritual home post-Orthodoxy.

SHULEM DEEN is the author of the award-winning and critically-acclaimed memoir *All Who Go Do Not Return,* an account of growing up in and then leaving the Skverers, one of the most insular Hasidic sects in the US. He is now a columnist for the *Forward,* and in 2015 was listed in the Forward 50, an annual list of American Jews with outsized roles on political, social, and cultural issues. His articles have also appeared in *The New Republic, Salon, Tablet Magazine,* and elsewhere. He serves as a board member of Footsteps, a New York City-based organization that offers assistance and support to those who have left the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community. He lives in Brooklyn.

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GET UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT PAS PROGRAMS, EVENTS & SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT **WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR.**

Tisha b'Av

Saturday | August 13
8:00 pm | Learning with Rabbi Charlie Savenor: "The Day the Letters Stopped"
9:00 pm | Evening service & reading of *Megillat Eikhah*, the Book of Lamentations

A Google search of newly available archival material uncovered testimony about the day Rabbi Savenor's family was murdered in Lithuania. Looking at that testimony from 70 years ago together with biblical texts, we will learn not only about the depth of despair, but also the seeds of hope for the future.

Staten Island Yankees' Jewish Heritage Night

Wednesday | August 17 | 6:55 pm

Join PAS friends for the Staten Island Yankees' Jewish Heritage Night! Enjoy passage on the Staten Island ferry, and watch the SI Yankees play the Brooklyn Cyclones while the sunset illuminates the NYC skyline. Cantor Shira Lissek will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America," and there will be Jewish music and trivia games throughout the evening.

Visit pasyn.org far ticket infarmatian.

NEW CLASS
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2016
SIGN UP NOW!

Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning – Adult Learning for the Wondering Jew

Year 1 | Thursdays, beginning September 14 | 9:15-11:30 am | Debbie Cosgrove and Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Are you looking for a profound understanding of what it means to be Jewish? Join Melton to explore the texts of our tradition and discover how they relate to us today. The Melton School core curriculum is a comprehensive, sequential series of text-based lessons, studied over two years. More than 30,000 adult learners worldwide have participated in this international program designed by expert educators at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Over 250 individuals have participated in Melton at PAS since it was introduced here in 2009. The two-year course meets most weeks from September-June.

For more information and to register, visit pasyn.org ar cantact Beth Levick at 212-369-4900, x146. Space is limited; register saan!

Caring Network

Supporting congregants and their families during times of transition, the Caring Network offers solace during times of illness, suffering, loss, and grief, and also reaches out to families during times of joy. If you or someone you know needs assistance from the Caring Network, or if you would like to volunteer, please *contact Rabbi Neil Zuckerman at nzuckerman@pasyn.org or 212-369-4900, x124.*

A service of The Jewish Board

Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families

Tuesdays | By appointment | Shira Felberbaum, LMSW

For more information ar ta make an appaintment, cantact Shira Felberbaum at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.arg ar 212-632-4735, ar cantact Rabbi Zuckerman.

A service of DOROT

Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and Their Caregivers

By appointment | Jane Blumenstein, LMSW

For more information ar ta make an appaintment, cantact Jane Blumenstein at JBlumenstein@daratusa.arg ar 212-769-2850, ar cantact Rabbi Zuckerman. Nate: aur regular DOROT sacial warker, Yael Karnfeld, is an maternity leave and will return in the fall.

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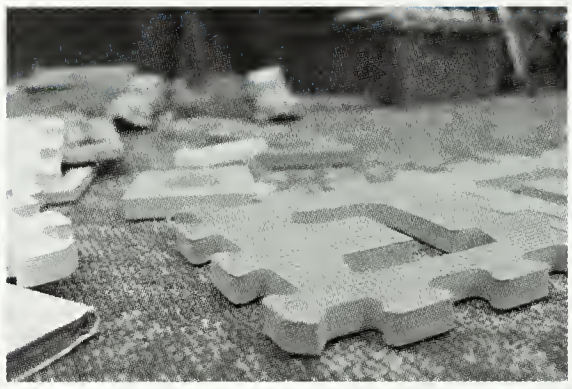
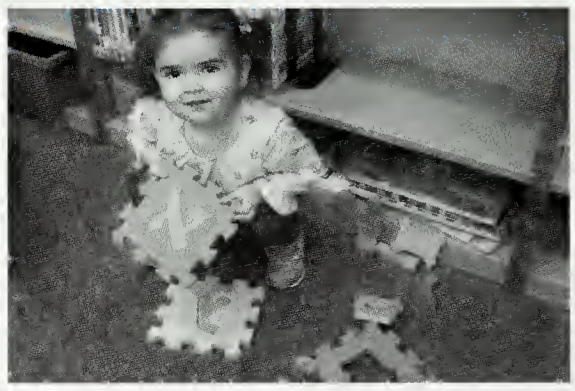
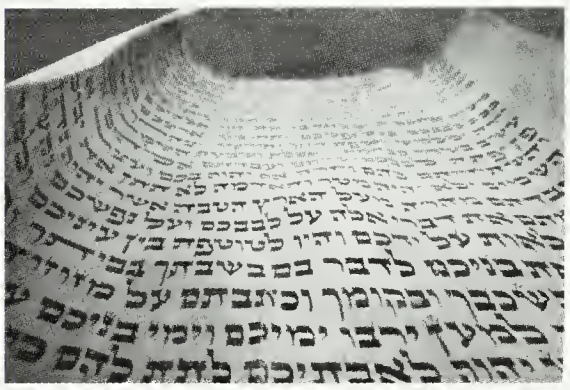
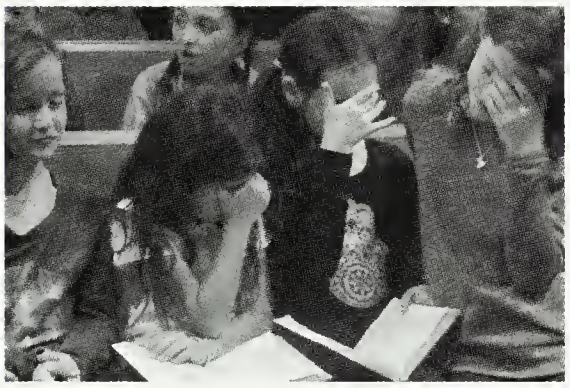
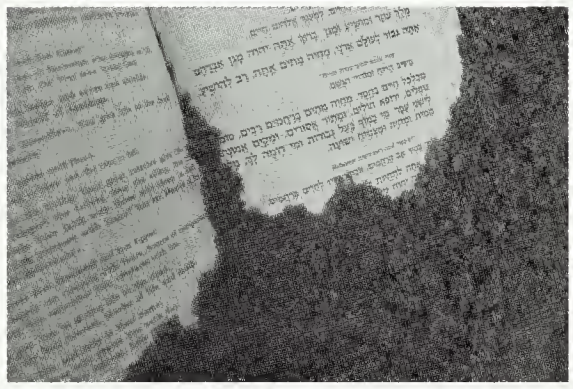




The Jewish Lens: Moments of Meaningful Jewish Learning

May–August

Zayin learners spent the year exploring photography and Jewish identity. They reflected on their Jewish learning from their early years until now, picked pivotal moments that made them feel most connected to Judaism, and then re-created those moments in photographs.

Park Avenue Synagogue has been partnering with The Jewish Lens since its inception in 2003. Combining arts and experiential education through the universal medium of photography, The Jewish Lens provides learners an entry point to Jewish study, skills development, and an opportunity to share their voice – their lens – with others.

Seeking photographs, documents, and memories of the struggle for Soviet Jewry

For an exhibition at the PAS gallery in spring 2017, we are seeking your photographs, documents, and memories of the struggle for Soviet Jewry. Please contact Karen Smul at karensmul@gmail.com or 917-453-5238.

Aliyot for Women

SUZANNE AISENBERG, CHAIR, ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Fifty-five years ago this month, Park Avenue Synagogue voted to grant aliyot to "properly qualified women" (meaning they would chant the Torah blessings in Hebrew). The decision followed five years of debate after the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards stated in 1955 that in principle women could be called to the Torah.

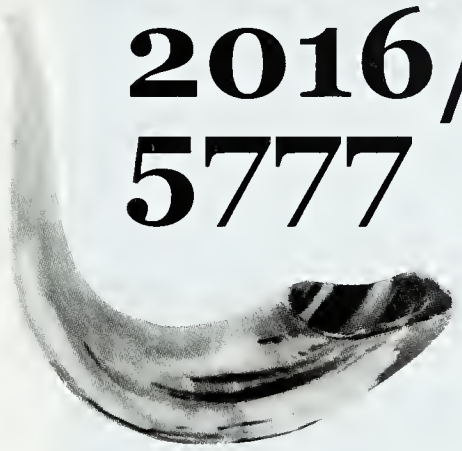
In anticipation of the annual meeting on May 5, 1961, when this ritual change would be adopted, Rabbi Judah Nadich devoted his April 14 sermon to *aliyot* for women. He commented that although women in the 20th-century secular world had gained "emancipation and equality of status . . . Jewish law has not kept pace. This constitutes a challenge to historic Judaism and especially to us who call ourselves Conservative Jews . . . The true character of [Jewish] law is that it is an evolving and developing creation responding to the urgent requirements and the highest moral standards of every age." He continued that by granting *aliyot* to women, we have "the opportunity to demonstrate the adaptability and therefore the viability of Jewish religious law and practice."

In honor of the 55th anniversary of the adoption of *aliyot* for women at Park Avenue Synagogue, *Yasher Koach to* the adult bat mitzvah class (see p. 6) as they as they reaffirm their commitment to Judaism and to the privilege of reading from the Torah.

To hear excerpts on this topic, visit the Shapiro Audia Archives page on www.pasyn.org.

Rabbi Gabriel Schulman and the PAS Confirmation Class, c.1927

High Holidays 2016/ 5777



We look forward to the High Holidays, beginning with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, October 2. We will again conduct services at our Fifth Avenue location, as well as in the Sanctuary and Lower Level on 87th Street. Alef members will receive tickets to Fifth Avenue; Bet members, to the Sanctuary and Lower Level at 87th Street, which will be reserved seating only. For Erev Rosh Hashanah and Yizkor services in the synagogue building at 87th Street, no tickets will be required. To ensure that every PAS member has a seat for the High Holidays, we ask that you purchase guest tickets only for family members, including children above the age of 23. Guest tickets, at $360 each, will be for seats at Fifth Avenue.

In an exciting new addition, PAS will also offer Family Services in the morning on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. These services will offer a welcoming atmosphere for younger children, as well as their siblings and adult family members.

More information will be coming throughout the summer. Tickets will be mailed to members in good standing approximately mid-September.

Questions? Please cantact Rachel Benichak, Membership Manager, at 212-369-4900, x195 or at rbenichak@pasyn.arg.

Youth Education & Events

For additional information about all youth events, please visit pasyn.org.

Young Family Education

For latest information, sign up to receive Young Family Educatian email. Visit pasyn.org and click on Email Sign up. Questions? Cantact Malka Lowenstein, Director of YFE, at mlowenstein@pasyn.org or x140.

To register for any YFE program, go to pasyn.org and click on Yaung Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the event.

YFE TODDLER CLASSES

June Mini-Semester
Thursdays | June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Cost for either class $250/members $300/general. Visit pasyn.org to learn if there are still openings, or contact Malka Lawenstein.

- **Kitah Rishonah (First Class)**
11:15 am-12:00 pm | Ages 10-16 months with an adult
Offering an introductory Jewish group experience with music, we will sing kid-friendly songs for Shabbat, holidays and every day.

- **HaMishpachah Sheli (My Family)**
9:30-10:30 am | Ages: 17-23 months with an adult
Children will explore Jewish themes and holidays through stories, song, movement, arts and crafts and free play.

Bridge Camp with DramaZone®
For children ages 3–5
Week 1: June 6–10 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Week 2: June 14–17 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Bridge the gap between school and summer camp with singing, dancing, sports, Judaic & seasonal arts & crafts, yoga, puppet theatre, kosher nut free snacks, rooftop play, and of course drama! Space is limited. Sign up now on pasyn.org under Young Family Education.

Cost:
Week 1: $595/members, $625/general
Week 2: $475 /members, $500/general
Weeks 1 & 2: $995/members, $1,115/general

YFE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

YFE Shavuot Service and Ice Cream Party
Sunday | June 12 | 10:00 am

The count is over! Celebrate receiving the Torah! Join clergy and Eliana Light for a YFE Shavuot service with dancing, stories, and songs, concluding with an ice cream party!

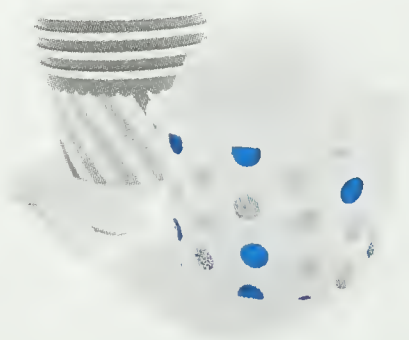
Tot Tefillah
Saturdays | July 16, 30 | 10:00 am

Service includes Shabbat songs, dancing, a short story, and other activities, and ends with Kiddush and a light snack.

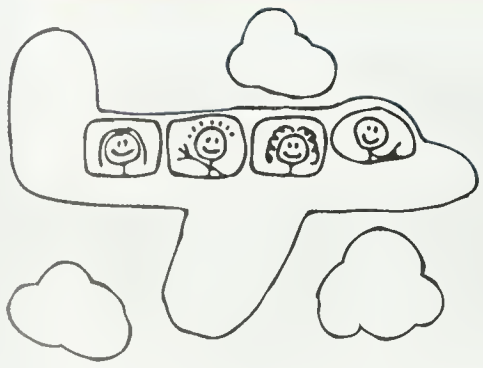
YFE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Ice Cream on the Roof
Fridays | 1:00 pm | June 24-August 5 (except July 1)

Join clergy for a Kabbalat Shabbat sing-along and an ice cream treat.



Register now for Fall 2016! Choose from a variety of classes for babies, toddlers and young children. Bring your friends and meet new ones! For the full list of classes, visit pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education.



Sign up now!

Young Family Israel Trip | **June 10–21, 2017**

Join Rabbi Cosgrove on a fun, meaningful, and inspiring experience. Make "Next Year in Jerusalem!" a reality for your family, and create a connection to the Land of Israel for your children.

For registration and questions, please contact Rabbi Charlie Savenor at x136 or csavenar@pasyn.org.

PASECC

Applications for 2017-18

PAS member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 2017-18 school year may call the school (212-369-4900, x150) and request an application form.

All children who were born before May 1, 2015 are eligible for school in September 2017. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been longtime active members of the synagogue are given special consideration; however, because of limitations on class size and the need to balance groups in a variety of ways, membership does not guarantee acceptance.

There is an application fee of $70 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

We look forward to hearing from your family. Thank you in advance for your interest in our school.

Congregational School

Register Now for Fall!

FROM JENNIFER STERN GRANOWITZ,

If you have any questions about registration or classes for next year, contact Jennifer Stern Granowitz, Director of the Congregational School, either via email to jgranowitz@pasyn.org or by phone, 212-369-4900, x139.

While Congregational School is on break for the summer, families have many opportunities to do Jewish things, whether it is a field trip to The Jewish Museum, celebrating Shabbat, or visiting a synagogue in a different state or country. Any photos sent to Jennifer at jgranowitz@pasyn.org will be displayed during the opening week of classes!

Celebrate Israel Parade
Sunday | June 5 | Check pasyn.org for our step-off time and location | See p. 10

POSTCARD FROM CAMP

Camp Time!

We wish all PAS campers who are off to Jewish camps a great summer of swimming, sports, bonfires, and making memories. It's never too early to start looking at camps for next summer! The Jewish Camping Committee is happy to answer questions about camps across the country and to help point you in the right direction if you plan on visiting camps this summer.

Feel free to contact Director of the Congregational School, Jennifer Stern Granowitz (jgranowitz@pasyn.org) or committee co-chairs Chana Zimmerman (chana.zimmerman@gmail.com) and Vanessa Waye (vanessa@aurwaye.com).

Youth Education & Events

PAS Teens & Youth

For more information and to register, see the Teen Weekly email or contact Hallie Chandler, hchandler@pasyn.org or 212-369-4900, x147.

Stay in touch with PAS Teen Programs

Parents and teens, if your email or your cell phone number has changed, please let Hallie know at hchandler@pasyn.org, so she can make sure you don't miss any announcements or invitations. Watch for PAS Teen Weekly emails all summer to let you know about summer get-togethers. We may play Frisbee in the Park, spend an afternoon in the Hamptons, or chill out in a museum.

Register now for the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School fall semester. You don't have to sign up for specific classes, but make sure we have your name and your email, so we can keep you posted as fall plans take shape. Visit pasyn.org and click on PAS Teens/RJNHS.

Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday | June 5 | See p. 10

How I met your Rabbi:

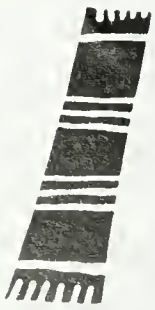
Shabbat dinner at Rabbi Witkovsky's home

Friday | June 17 | 7:30 pm, after Kabbalat Shabbat
Special guests: Texas teens visiting NYC

מזל טוב!

Mazal tov to all our high school graduates!

Welcome to the PAS college community! Please visit pasyn.org, click on College Connections, and tell us your email address, so we'll be able to keep in touch. As soon as you know your college mailing address, give us that, too, so that we can send you packages of goodies for the holidays.



Sign up now!

Bnei Mitzvah Family Israel Trip | **December 17-27, 2016**

Travel with Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Zuckerman.

Register at pasyn.org.

Questions? Please contact Rabbi Charlie Savenar at 212-369-4900, x136 or csavenar@pasyn.org.

PAS 20s and 30s

Join Shabbat dinner groups, small learning groups, events, and social action programs. Activities are open to all PAS 20s and 30s and their friends (synagogue membership not required). To see more activities, visit the synagogue website. *If you are interested in this network, either for yourself or for a family member or friend, contact Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky, ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*

Meals at the Mission

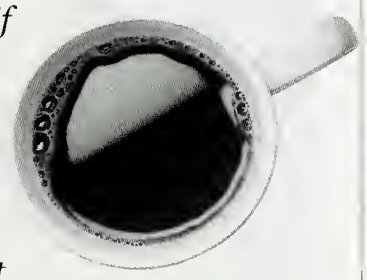
Sunday | Once/month, dates TBA | 5:30-7:00 pm

Serve a meal and a community. Head down to the Bowery Mission to help prepare and serve food.

Coffee with a Rabbi

Anytime

Rabbi Witkovsky invites anyone out for a cup of coffee (or stronger beverage). *If you would like to take him up on that, or if you would like to volunteer a 20- or 30-something in your life to have coffee, please contact the rabbi at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*



Shabbat Dinner Any Week or Every Week

Fridays | 7:30 pm

If you would like to host a Shabbat dinner with the help of PAS and the online hub OneTable, or if you are interested in attending a Shabbat dinners hosted by Rabbi Witkovsky, please contact him at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.

Contributions

February 20 – March 23, 2016

BIKUR CHOLIM FUND
Victor Goldsmith, in appreciation of the members of Bikur Cholim, PAS, and their leadership, for acts of caring and prayer that assisted in his successful recovery from spinal surgery.

CANTOR LISSEK'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Dr. James Goldman, in honor of Cantor Lissek becoming a member of the Cantors Assembly.
Dr. Ilisse Perlmutter, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Ilisse Perlmutter, in memory of Abraham Perlmutter.

CANTOR SCHWARTZ'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Sheri & Jimmy Rosenfeld, in honor of their anniversary.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND
The Tanenbaum Family, in memory of Brad Leffe.

FOOD PANTRY
Beverly & Ira Asinofsky, in memory of Pearl Lander.
Natalie & Brett Barth, in memory of Sydell Kastenbaum, mother of Fred Kastenbaum and mother-in-law of Karen, and grandmother to Daniel and Frankie.
Martha & Jonathan Cohen, in honor of the Cohen-Lang family.
Anne & Paul Corwin, with deep appreciation and thanks for the beautiful wedding ceremony Rabbi Cosgrove performed for Rebecca & Jared.
Gail & Dennis Karr.
Elizabeth Kurnetz & James Stahl, in memory of Pearl Lander.
Sharon Oberman, in memory of Aaron Land.
Susan & Ken Osnoss, in honor of the birth of their grandson, Samuel Neil Osnoss.
Suzette, Andres, Noah and Alexa Rubinstein, in memory of Dan Zirinsky.
Joan & Sylvan Schefler, in memory of Ruth Savits, beloved mother of Cheri Friedman.
Joan & Sylvan Schefler, in honor of Sam Schreiber's bar mitzvah.
Leonard Weintraub.

LIBRARY FUND
Lynne & Bill Bermont, in honor of Jacob Hess' bar mitzvah.
Martha & Jonathan Cohen, in honor of Debra & Stuart Abramovitz's daughter Rachel and her recent marriage to Mike Katz.
Martha & Jonathan Cohen, in honor of the wedding of Rebecca & Jared, the children of Anne & Paul Corwin and Lynne & Joel Mesznik.
Rosalyn Tauber-Scheidlinger, in honor of the engagement of Lance Taubin, son of Robin & Michael Taubin, to Jenna.

PRAYER BOOK FUND
Harris Amster, in memory of Anna Amster.
Jennifer & Peter Bernstein, in honor of Jen, Peter, Ben and Eli Bernstein.
Ronnie & David Parker, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

RABBI COSGROVE'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Jonathan Cohen, in honor of Rabbi Cosgrove.
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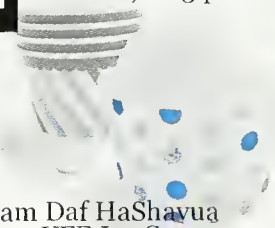
June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	CONTINUE TO COUNT THE OMER THROUGH EREV SHAVUOT. For the brakhot for counting the omer and the count for each day, visit pasyn.org, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources.		**1** 24 Iyyar 8:00 am Siddur Lane 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**2** 25 Iyyar 9:15 am Melton 2 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:00 pm MC Health Forum	**3** 26 Iyyar Candles, 8:05 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**4** 27 Iyyar B'hukkotai 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary svce 20 mins after svces Minha
5 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim TBA Celebrate Israel Parade	**6** 29 Iyyar 7:30 pm Across Abyss	**7** 1 Sivan Rosh Hodesh 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah	**8** 2 Sivan 8:00 am Siddur Lane 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**9** 3 Sivan 12:00 pm Insights from Israel 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**10** 4 Sivan Candles, 8:09 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**11** 5 Sivan B'midbar Erev Shavuot 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 20 mins after svces Minha 7:30 pm Minha 8:00 pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot 9:15 pm Festival svce & Cheesecake 9:45 pm 20s & 30s Tikkun
12 6 Sivan Shavuot, Day 1 9:15 am Festival service & Adult Bat Mitzvah 10:00 am YFE Shavuot svce	**13** 7 Sivan Shavuot, Day 2 9:15 am Festival service with Yizkor 10:45 am Day Sch Cmty svce & picnic 20 mins after svces Minha	**14** 8 Sivan 1:00 pm WN Film Series 6:30 pm WN Open Meeting	**15** 9 Sivan 8:00 am Siddur Lane 7:00 pm MC Barbecue	**16** 10 Sivan 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**17** 11 Sivan Candles, 8:12 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Teen Shabbat Dinner	**18** 12 Sivan Naso 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 20 mins after svces Minha
19 13 Sivan	**20** 14 Sivan	**21** 15 Sivan	**22** 16 Sivan 8:00 am Siddur Lane	**23** 17 Sivan 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**24** 18 Sivan Candles, 8:13 pm  8:00 am Daf HaShavua 1:00 pm YFE Ice Cream 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**25** 19 Sivan B'ha·alot'kha 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 20 mins after svces Minha
26 20 Sivan	**27** 21 Sivan	**28** 22 Sivan 1:00 pm Yi[illegible] Lib 6:45 pm Lecture & Concert	**29** 23 Sivan 8:00 am Siddur Lane	**30** 24 Sivan 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism		

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July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 25 Sivan Candles, 8:13 pm 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**2** 26 Sivan Sh'lah L'kha 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary svce 20 mins after svces Minha
3 27 Sivan	**4** 28 Sivan Independence Day PAS offices closed	**5** 29 Sivan	**6** 30 Sivan Rosh Hodesh 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 7:00 pm Reel Theology	**7** 1 Tammuz Rosh Hodesh 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**8** 2 Tammuz Candles, 8:11 pm 1:00 pm YFE Ice Cream 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**9** 3 Tammuz Korah 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 20 mins after svces Minha
10 4 Tammuz	**11** 5 Tammuz 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit	**12** 6 Tammuz 7:00 pm Israel Game	**13** 7 Tammuz 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 7:00 pm Reel Theology	**14** 8 Tammuz 12:00 pm Insights from Israel 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**15** 9 Tammuz Candles, 8:08 pm 1:00 pm YFE Ice Cream 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**16** 10 Tammuz Hukkat 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 10:00 am Tot Tefillah 20 mins after svces Minha
17 11 Tammuz	**18** 12 Tammuz	**19** 13 Tammuz 7:00 pm The Prime Ministers	**20** 14 Tammuz 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 7:00 pm Reel Theology	**21** 15 Tammuz 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**22** 16 Tammuz Candles, 8:03 pm 1:00 pm YFE Ice Cream 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**23** 17 Tammuz Balak 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 20 mins after svces Minha
24 18 Tammuz Fast of the 17th of Tammuz observed **31** 31 25 Tammuz	**25** 19 Tammuz 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit	**26** 20 Tammuz 7:00 pm Shulem Deen	**27** 21 Tammuz 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 7:00 pm Reel Theology	**28** 22 Tammuz 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**29** 23 Tammuz Candles, 7:36 pm 1:00 pm YFE Ice Cream 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**30** 24 Tammuz Pinhas 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 10:00 am Tot Tefillah 20 mins after svces Minha

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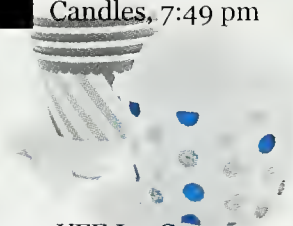
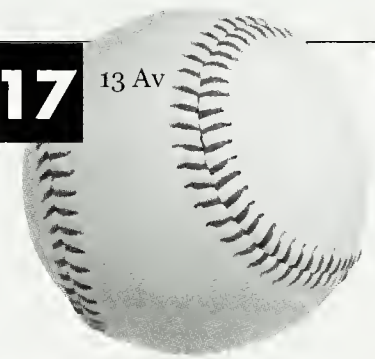
August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 26 Tammuz 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit	**2** 27 Tammuz	**3** 28 Tammuz	**4** 29 Tammuz 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**5** 1 Av Rosh Hodesh Candles, 7:49 pm  1:00 pm YFE Ice Cream 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**6** 2 Av Mattot/Mas'ei 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Shabbat svce 20 mins after svces Minha
7 3 Av	**8** 4 Av 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit	**9** 5 Av	**10** 6 Av	**11** 7 Av 12:00 pm Insights from Israel 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**12** 8 Av Candles, 7:40 pm 5:30 pm Hamptons Shabbat 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**13** 9 Av D'varim Shabbat Hazon 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Shabbat service 20 mins after svces Minha 8:00 pm Tisha b'Av Learning 9:00 pm Maariv & Eikhah
14 10 Av Tisha b'Av observed	**15** 11 Av 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit	**16** 12 Av	**17** 13 Av  6:55 pm SI Yankees	**18** 14 Av 12:00 pm Library L&L	**19** 15 Av Candles, 7:30 pm 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**20** 16 Av Va-et'hannan Shabbat Nahamu 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Shabbat service 20 mins after svces Minha
21 17 Av	**22** 18 Av	**23** 19 Av	**24** 20 Av	**25** 21 Av	**26** 22 Av Candles, 7:19 pm 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**27** 23 Av Eikev 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Shabbat service 20 mins after svces Minha
28 24 Av	**29** 25 Av	**30** 26 Av	**31** 27 Av			

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12 | Congregational School begins
13 | Melton classes begin in evening
14 | Melton classes begin in morning
24 | Selihot

OCTOBER

2 | Rosh Hashanah begins in the evening
12 | Yom Kippur
16 | Sukkot begins in the evening
24 | Simhat Torah evening celebration
25 | Simhat Torah morning, honoring Suzanne Aisenberg and Lou Bernstein

NOVEMBER

20 | Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day
30 | Book & Gift Fair opens

DECEMBER

8 | Winter Concert
24 | First Hanukkah candle